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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
SEPTEMBER 20, 2000 NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH
REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

This Amendment is submitted in response to September 20, 2000 Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A response to the September 20, 2000 Notice is due October 20, 2000. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.